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SUBJECT: MISSION SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED ADB LOAN FOR COTABATO
PORT DEVELOPMENT

REF: MANILA 3340

1. EMBASSY/ USAID STRONGLY SUPPORT USADB RECOMMENDATION
THAT NAC ENDORSE PROPOSED \$6.6 MILLION ADB LOAN FOR
COTABATO PORT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. WE PREVIOUSLY
SUPPORTED ADB TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THIS PROJECT
(MANILA 9277, 10/1/71), AND ARGUMENTS MADE AT THAT
TIME ON BEHALF OF PROJECT HAVE BEEN REINFORCED IN
INTERVENING PERIOD.

2. PROJECT ACCORDS WITH DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES
ESTABLISHED BY GOP AND SUPPORTED BY USG AND OTHER
MEMBERS OF CONSULTATIVE GROUP FOR PHILS. PROJECT HAS
COMPLEMENTARY OR SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIP TO USAID
ACTIVITIES AND THOSE OF OTHER EXTERNAL DONORS. IT HAS
NO ADVERSE TECHNICAL FEATURES OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE.

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3. COTABATO PORT DEVELOPMENT WOULD ENCOURAGE AND COMPLEMENT GOP' S RECENTLY ANNOUNCED PROGRAM TO ACCELERATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF MUSLIM AREAS AND MINDANAO AS A WHOLE. (MANILA 3260) LAST THREE YEARS HAVE WITNESSED STEADILY INCREASING CIVIL STRIFE IN MUSLIM AREAS, WITH NEW ERUPTION IN RECENT WEEKS IN NORTH COTABATO PROVINCE. GOVERNMENT LEADERS ARE ASSIGNING GREATER MILITARY RESOURCES TO MUSLIM INSURGENT AREAS, BUT HAVE ALSO STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF PARALLEL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL MEASURES. THESE ARE TO BE DIRECTED AT BRINGING MUSLIM AREAS INTO MAINSTREAM OF COUNTRY' S ECONOMIC LIFE AND MAKING GREATER USE OF REGION' S AGRICULTURAL AND OTHER PRODUCTIVE POTENTIAL. IMPROVED COTABATO PORT WOULD PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THIS EFFORT.

4. AREA OF ARMED CONFLICT HAS THUS FAR NOT INCLUDED COTABATO CITY OR SITE OF PORT DEVELOPMENT, ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN SCATTERED FIGHTING NEARBY DURING RECENT WEEKS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE PROPOSED PROJECT SHOULD BE HELD UP BECAUSE OF PRESENT DISTURBANCES IN COTABATO AREA.
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